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<p>MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="6">CLAIMS AS AMENDED</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>Claims Remaining After Amendment</th><th>Highest Number Previously Paid</th><th>Number Extra Claims Present</th><th>Rate</th><th></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Total Claims</td><td>24</td><td>- 24 =</td><td>0</td><td>x</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Independent Claims</td><td>6</td><td>- 6 =</td><td>0</td><td>x</td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="5">Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/></td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="5">Other fee (please specify):</td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="5">TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</td><td>0.00</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <u>02-2448</u> as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.</p> <p><i>Terrell C. Birch</i> Terrell C. Birch Attorney Reg. No.: 19,382</p> <p>Dated: <u>January 10, 2006</u></p> <p>BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP 8110 Gatehouse Road Suite 100 East P.O. Box 747 Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747 (703) 205-8000</p>						CLAIMS AS AMENDED							Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate		Total Claims	24	- 24 =	0	x		Independent Claims	6	- 6 =	0	x		Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>						Other fee (please specify):						TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:					0.00
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-16 and 20-24, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.